

## CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A housing for a portable handheld electronic reader/scanner comprising:

a seamless one-piece, hollow body portion made of a thermoplastic elastomer having an electronics enclosure portion and a handle portion, said electronics enclosure portion having an aperture entirely surrounded by a body perimeter portion;

a substantially planar scan face made of the thermoplastic elastomer adapted to cover said aperture, said scan face entirely surrounded by a scan face perimeter portion;

one of the body perimeter portion and scan face perimeter portion having a groove and the other having a projecting tongue element for mating engagement with the groove.

7. (Original) The housing of claim 6 further comprising an end cap coupled to the handle portion.

8. (Original) The housing of claim 6 wherein the handle portion comprises a battery compartment.

9. (Original) The housing of claim 6 further comprising a gasket disposed around the tongue element.

10. (Original) The housing of claim 7 further comprising a gasket disposed around the end cap.

11. (Original) The housing of claim 6 wherein the tongue portion has a substantially "T"-shaped cross section.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).